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2013 Asian Pacific American Heritage Day Celebration to be Held at State Capitol

Lansing — On Tuesday, May 14, the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC) will celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with an event in the Michigan State Capitol Building in Lansing.

<u>Kiran Ahuja</u>, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, will provide the keynote address.

The event will honor and highlight the culture, traditions, history and accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States and in Michigan.

Ms. Ahuja will kick off the first half of the event in the Capitol Rotunda from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. From 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm, the celebration moves to the lobby of Room 402 on the Fourth Floor, East Wing of the Capitol, where the Commission will honor distinguished champions in the Asian Pacific American community for their contributions, leadership and service.

Along with the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, co-sponsors of the event include the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood and State Representative Sam Singh.

All events are open to the public. If you would like to participate but require an accommodation to do so, please contact Dr. Sook Wilkinson at 248/645-6719 or via email at miaPACommission@gmail.com.

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